

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks, wherein Claims 17, 20-21, 23, 30, and 32 have been canceled from the application. Currently, Claims 1-15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24-29 and 31 are pending in the application.

In the Advisory Action dated February 14, 2006, the Examiner maintains the rejection of Claims 30 and 32, and the claims depending therefrom, but indicates at item 6 that newly amended claims 16, 18, 19 and 24-29 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims.

As a result, Applicants have canceled the non-allowable claims from the application. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that she should be contacted at the number indicated below.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully Submitted,

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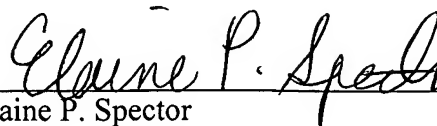
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